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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the Applicant requests consideration of the attached additional items of information.

The Applicant hereby makes of record in the above-identified application the information listed on the attached form PTO/SB/08A. This reference was recently cited during the examination of European Application No. 03711000.4, however, was more than three months before the filing of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

Applicant respectfully requests that:

1. The Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;
2. The enclosed form PTO/SB/08A be signed by the Examiner to evidence that the cited information has been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application;
3. The citations for the information be printed on any patent which issues from this application;

Notice under MPEP 2001.06(b) - Related Co-pending U.S. Applications:

4. Applicant has included with this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement summaries of application prosecutions from foreign countries of cases related to this U.S. application in an effort to present to the Examiner all information of which Applicant is aware which may be material to the Examiner's decision. These documents are attached as Attachments 1-7 and relate to the sister prosecutions in Japan, Europe, Canada, Mexico, Indonesia, Australia, and New Zealand. Examiner is requested to review these materials. Some of the actual prosecution are not in the English language, and applicant currently has no translations. If the Examiner believes that it might be beneficial for the Applicant to provide additional information in the form of translations of the non-English papers, then Examiner is encouraged to notify the undersigned.

By submitting this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, the Applicant makes no representation that a search has been performed, of the extent of any search performed, or that more relevant information does not exist.

By submitting this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, the Applicant makes no representation that the information cited in the Statement is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.56(b).

By submitting this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, the Applicant makes no representation that the information cited in the Statement is, or is considered to be, in fact, prior art as defined by 35 U.S.C. 102.

Notwithstanding any statements by the Applicant, the Examiner is urged to form his own conclusions regarding the relevance of the cited information.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge the \$180 Supplemental Disclosure Statement fee and any other fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 09-0528.

An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Robert Rhodes". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "C." and last name "Rhodes" clearly distinguishable.

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